

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct inadvertent, clerical mistakes made while claiming priority to earlier filing dates and to cross reference to other applications.

On September 12, 2002, Applicants submitted an "Amendment and Response" to claim priority in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.78. The present Application was amended to claim priority under U.S.C. § 120 to U.S. Applications Serial Numbers 09/300,585 and 09/141,105. However, the present Application was mistakenly characterized as a "continuation" of both prior applications while it should be a "continuation-in-part" of both prior applications. Those mistakes are what this paper is seeking to correct. No new matter is introduced by this paper. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, this "Amendment After Allowance" is submitted with the Issue fee, and Applicants respectfully request the consideration and entry of the amendments without withdrawing the present Application from issue.

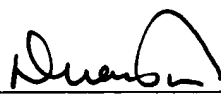
Applicants note that according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 (2)(ii)(B), since the present Application was filed before November 29, 2000, making reference to a prior-filed application, or following the same logic, amending such a reference, should not be subject to the timing requirement specified in 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2)(ii).

A Second Supplemental Application Data Sheet is also submitted in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.76(c) to update related priority information in the application date sheet previously submitted on September 12, 2002. If any additional fees are required by this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Attorney's Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Respectfully submitted,

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